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Form 10-300
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Maryland
COUNTY:	Baltimore City
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	

1. NAME	
COMMON:	
Nine North Front Street	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
Nine North Front Street			
CITY OR TOWN:		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:	
Baltimore		Third	
STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Maryland	24	Baltimore City	510

3. CLASSIFICATION		OWNERSHIP		STATUS		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
CATEGORY (Check One)							
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	
						Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)							
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) vacant	
						<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY		STATE:	
OWNER'S NAME:		Maryland	
Mayor and City Council			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
City Hall, 100 N. Holliday Street			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE
Baltimore		Maryland	24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION		COUNTY:	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:		Baltimore City	
Land Record Office			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
Room 610, Baltimore City Court House			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE	CODE
Baltimore		Maryland	24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS		FOR NPS USE ONLY	
TITLE OF SURVEY:		ENTRY NUMBER	
Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation - Historic Park			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1966		DATE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
402 City Hall			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE
Baltimore		Maryland	24

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Nine North Front Street is located in the oldest section of Baltimore City, just east of the Jones Falls, and is part of the proposed Historical Park which will surround the Shot Tower (National Historic Landmark). It stands within a few blocks of the Caton-Carroll Mansion and the Star Spangled Banner Flag House (National Register).

In style, this building represents the period immediately following the American Revolution. It is an example of the type known as "conservative Georgian" by H. Chandlee Forman.¹ There is a gable roof with two dormers, and, on the north, one large chimney. The front facade has three double-hung windows across the second story on the first floor. There are two more windows and a doorway with marble stoop on the right which has been altered by a Victorian style cornice. A brick belt course separates the two floors. There is also a brick water course with a cellar window and an entry covered by steel plate doors.

On the north side, one can see the former roof line which has been raised to extend the third floor out over a shed and kitchen building to the rear. The original house would have had only two and a half stories and its shape was symmetrical. The south side has a porch on the third floor over the shed and three entrances into the kitchen and front rooms on the first floor. The rear contains another kitchen entrance. All fenestration on the altered portions is of the double-hung type and regularly spaced. There are signs that all the major windows had outside shutters.

The interior was originally two rooms deep with an enclosed stairway on the right, approached through a doorway in the second room. There may have been a passageway leading from the front door to the stairs, but this no longer exists. The kitchen was originally an outbuilding behind the dwelling, and its fireplace is still intact. Between the kitchen and main house, a brick and wooden shed has been constructed, attached to the earlier rear exterior wall in such a manner that the original back window and doorway still exist. This makes for a curious progression of rooms of varying sizes and shapes on all levels. Presumably the alterations were made when the house was converted to a hotel in the 1870's.

There is some original panelling and hardware remaining, especially on the upper floors and the stairway. The floors in the upper rooms all appear to be the original wide board pine. Although the original mantels have been removed, there is still a wooden one in the front bedroom on the second floor and possibly another behind some shelving in the middle room.

The Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation of Baltimore City has in its office measured drawings and a restoration feasibility study made by the late Richard C. Bernard in 1969.

¹H. Chandlee Forman, Maryland Architecture, A Short History from 1634 through the Civil War. (Cambridge, Md., 1968), p. 59.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☒ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |

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⁴Deed: Liber GR 698 Folio 436, Baltimore City Court House

⁵Deed: Liber MLP 6058, Folio 185, Baltimore City Court House

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore City Directories.
 Baltimore Tax Records.
 Baltimore City Land Records. Baltimore City Court House, Baltimore, Md.
 Biographical Cyclopedia of Representative Men of Baltimore and D.C.
 National Biographical Co. (Baltimore, 1879).
 Forman, H. Chandlee. Maryland Architecture, A Short History from 1634
 through the Civil War. (Cambridge, Md., 1968), p. 59.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Catharine F. Black		sdh
ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust	DATE June 12, 1973	
STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road		
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE Maryland	CODE 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name

Orlando Ridout IV

Title State Historic Preservation
Officer for Maryland

Date July 5, 1973

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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Maryland	
COUNTY	
Baltimore City	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

(Number all entries)

#8 - Significance (Continued)

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⁶Deed: Liber RHB 2838, Folio 28, Baltimore City Court House.

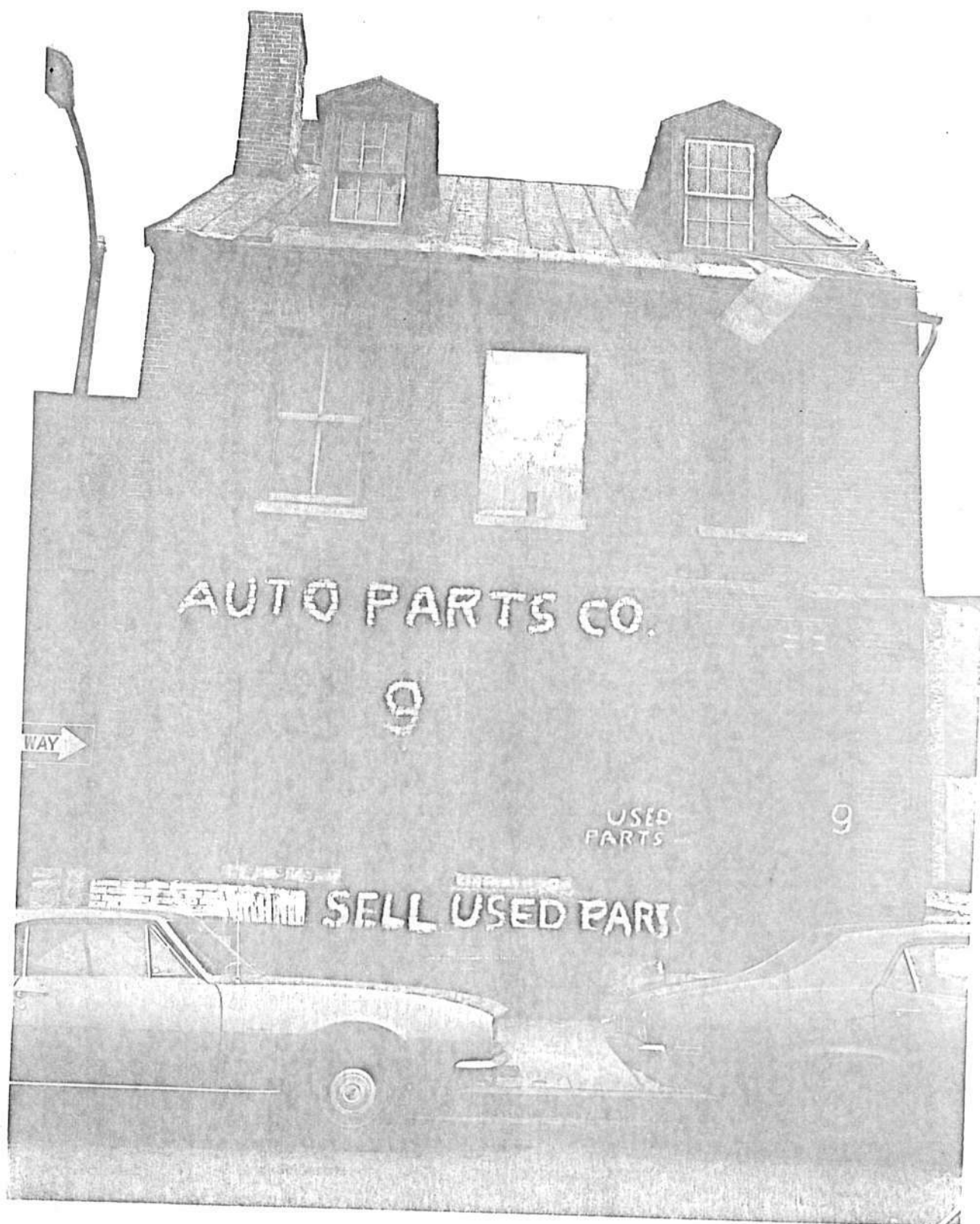
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

1. NAME COMMON		AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
Nine North Front Street			
2. LOCATION			
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN	
Maryland	Baltimore City	Baltimore	
STREET AND NUMBER			
Nine North Front Street			
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT	
Deborah Ann Claiborne	April 1973	Commission for Historical and Architectural Preserva	
4. IDENTIFICATION		402 City Hall	
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		Baltimore, Maryland	

Nine Front Street from the west.



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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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Nine North Front Street		
2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Maryland	Baltimore City	Baltimore
STREET AND NUMBER		
Nine North Front Street		
3. MAP REFERENCE		
SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute map Baltimore East Quadrangle	1953	1:24000
REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW:		

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Front Street

+39° 17' 25"
76° 36' 25"



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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

North
9th Front Street

AND/OR COMMON

North
9th Front Street

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

9 Front Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Third

STATE

Maryland

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Baltimore City

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT
X BUILDING(S)
STRUCTURE
SITE
OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

X PUBLIC
PRIVATE
BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
IN PROCESS
BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED
UNOCCUPIED
X WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
YES RESTRICTED
YES UNRESTRICTED
NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE
COMMERICAL
X EDUCATIONAL
X ENTERTAINMENT
GOVERNMENT
INDUSTRIAL
MILITARY
MUSEUM
PARK
PRIVATE RESIDENCE
RELIGIOUS
SCIENTIFIC
TRANSPORTATION
X OTHER Office,

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mayor and City Council of Baltimore

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall, 100 N. Holliday Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21202

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Land Record Office

STREET & NUMBER

Room 610, Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT (exterior) ☐ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This 2 1/2-story brick townhouse with 2 story rear wing is located on the east side of Front Street between Fayette Street and Baltimore Street, within the recently constructed Shot Tower Park in Baltimore City. Three bays wide and two rooms deep, the main house has a gable roof with two dormers on each side and two interior chimneys connected by a parapet at the north end. The front facade is laid in flemish bond while the gable ends (and rear wing) are laid in common bond with 5 rows of stretchers with occasional glazed bricks. On the front facade, the foundation is faced with stone, and there is a raised water table and a three-brick stringcourse. Except for the masonry, all elements have been replaced to make the building look as close to its original late 18th century appearance as possible. All doors and windows have flat arches. The windows on the front facade have 6/6 sash and fluted stone sills. (The original shutters will be replaced.) The cornice is boxed, and the dormers have gable returns. The roof is covered with wood shingles.

The front or west side has three windows in the second story, and, in the first story, two windows and a door in the south bay. The (six-panel) door with a four-light transom is reached by a flight of marble steps, several of which are original.

There is an entrance to the basement through a rectangular opening in the basement north bay and double iron doors flush with the sidewalk. In the basement center bay is a window with horizontal, diamond-shaped iron bars.

Because this house was originally flanked by other townhouses, both gable ends are blank.

On the east side, the back wing covers the north bay. There is a six-panel door in the first story south bay and, above that, a window at the stair landing level. In the first and second story center bays are 12/8 sash windows.

The first floor interior plan is composed of two rooms with the staircase at the back against the south wall. Originally the rooms were closed off from the entrance and stairs by a hall that ran the length of the house. Virtually none of the original trim is left on the first floor.

In the first floor west room, there is a large opening to the east room in the center of the east wall, flanked on the north by a small square opening at chairrail height. In the north wall is a brick fireplace opening.

The east room has a door to the wing in the east wall, and a fireplace in the center of the north wall.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #1.

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(DESCRIPTION continued)

The stairs consist of two flights and a landing, which is lighted by a window. The original railing with square balusters, a rounded rail, and round newels on square bases is still in place. Most of the original chair-rail along the stairs and around the second floor hall is intact.

On the second floor, the front room stretches across the full width of the house; the back room is narrower because of the stairhall. The stairs to the third floor are against the south wall, in the same position as the first floor staircase.

In the west room, there is a fireplace off-center in a projecting chimney breast in the north wall. The original mantel has half-columns on square bases flanking the opening, a frieze with v-shaped horizontal grooves, and blocks with depressed circles, and a molded shelf.¹ In the east wall, there is a six-panel door to the stairhall and a four-panel door to the east room. Both have molded trim and two-light transoms. There is a baseboard and a chairrail with a cyma reversa under the plain shelf and in the base.

In the east room, the fireplace in the north wall is flanked by closets on both sides. The fireplace in a projecting chimney breast has a simple surround with architrave trim, and the east closet has shelves. In the south wall, west of center, is a six-panel door with architrave trim to the hall. In the center of the east wall is a door to the wing. There is a beaded baseboard and a chairrail like the one in the west room, but with a beaded base.

The third floor staircase originally had the same arrangement as the main staircase, but now the second flight turns north-south. (It will be returned to the original plan.) On the third floor, there is one room and the chimney stacks join in the north wall.

The shed-roofed, ell-shaped wing consists of two sections: the original two-story kitchen and a two-story hyphen that joins it to the house. The brick is laid in the same bond as the ends of the house with occasional glazed bricks. All windows have 6/6 sash and there is a standing seam metal roof.

The north sides of both sections are flush with the north end of the house and are blank. The south side of the hyphen has one window in each story. Inside there is one room on each floor and, at one time, there was a staircase against the north wall.

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(DESCRIPTION continued)

The south side of the kitchen has two windows in the second story, and, in the first story, a door in the west bay and a window in the east bay. In the east end is a small interior chimney, and there is a wood fascia board. (The corners of the second story are almost completely glazed.) The east end of the kitchen is blank; the brickwork is slightly irregular with occasional closers.

The interior has one room per floor.

In both rooms of the kitchen wing, there are fireplaces in projecting chimney breasts in the east wall.

¹ According to Orin Bullock's studies.

Read other nomination
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Statement of Significance: 9 Front St.

As the sole surviving townhouse in the Shot Tower area, 9 Front St. merits attention. Extensive research has been conducted on the site to make this house an accurate representation of what was once there. Baltimore has few houses from the Federal period, although it was the city's first major ^{building phase} ~~period of building~~. Because it typifies what was once common, 9 Front Street is a valuable and irreplaceable artifact. It is further distinguished by being the home of Thurogood Smith, the second Mayor of Baltimore.

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☒20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☐

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☒Urban Planning ☒Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐osophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Architecture ☒Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☒Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

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Question 8. Significance:

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Baltimore City Land Records. Baltimore City Courthouse, Baltimore.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #4.

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Lot size 29' x 124'

QUADRANGLE SCALE

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

CODE

CODE

NAME / TITLE Natalie Shivers, Summer Intern
Catharine F. Black

DATE _____

August 1978/June 1973

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Marvland 21401

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

LOCAL _____

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

DATE _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE _____

ATTEST:

DATE _____

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



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9 Front Street

Baltimore East Quad

39°15'

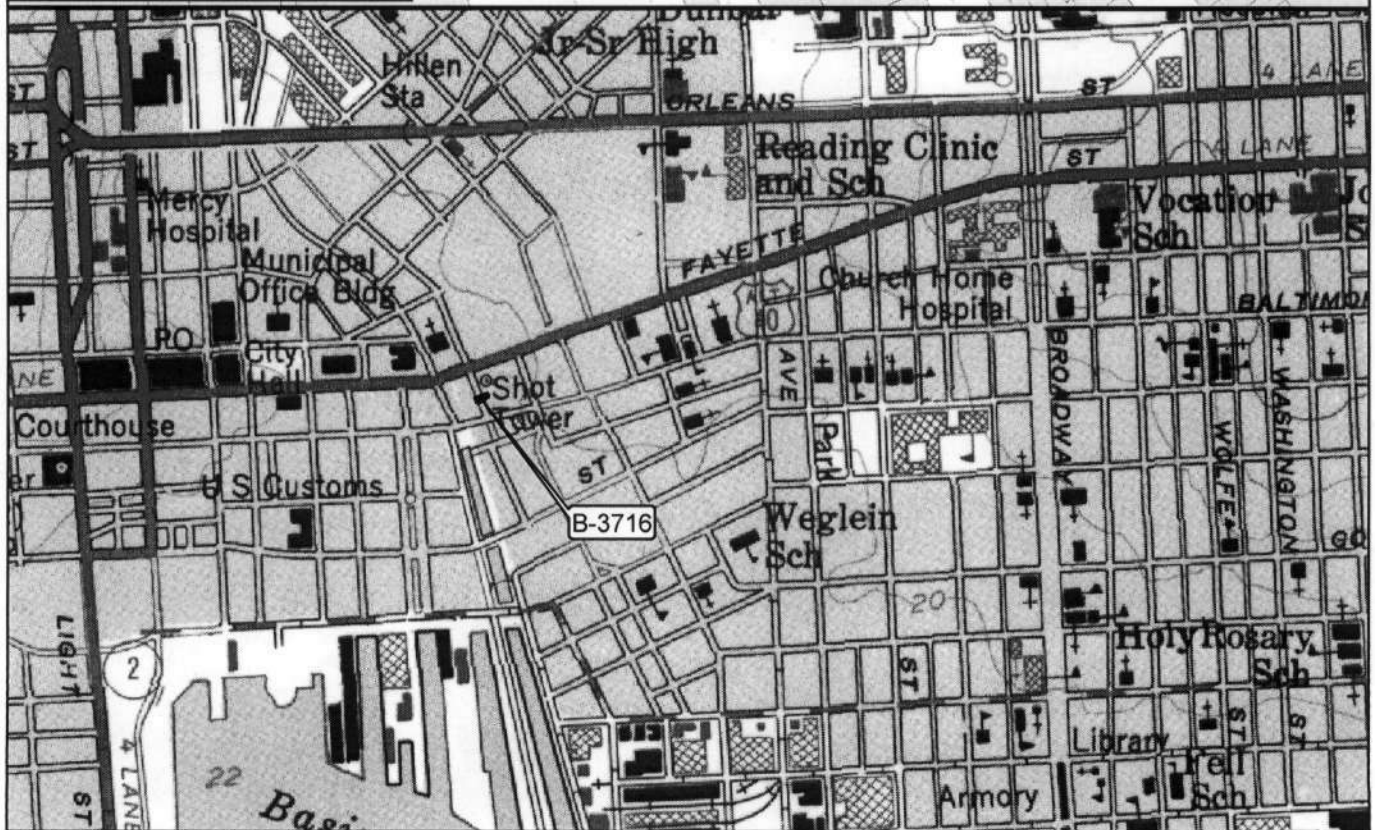
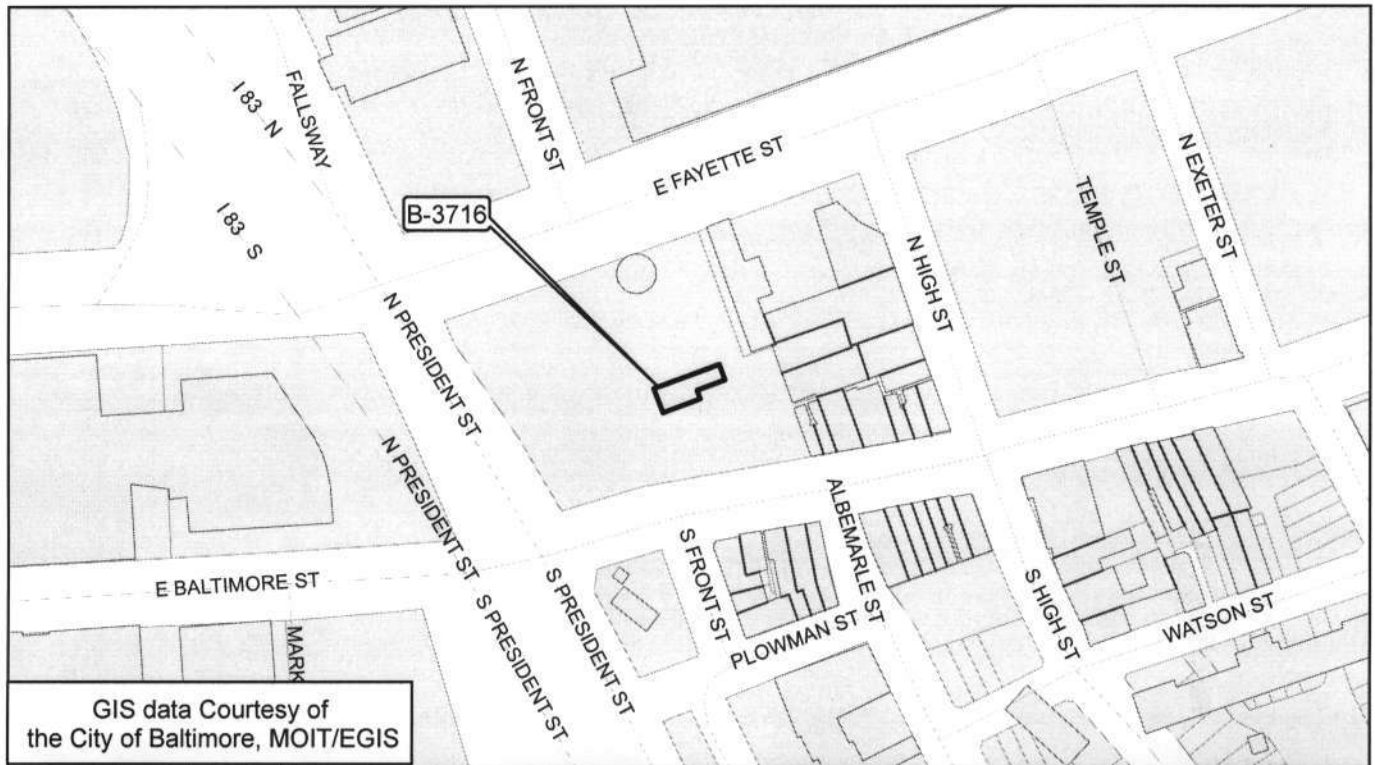
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610 000 FEET

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9 N. Front Street
Block 1335, Lot 001
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.



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9 FRONT STREET
Baltimore City





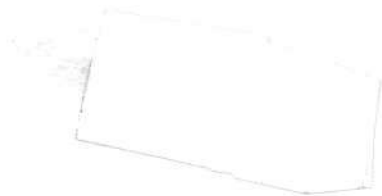
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Remington

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BUY AND SELL
USED CARS
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AUTO PARTS CO
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AUTO
PARTS
CO

SELL USED CARS

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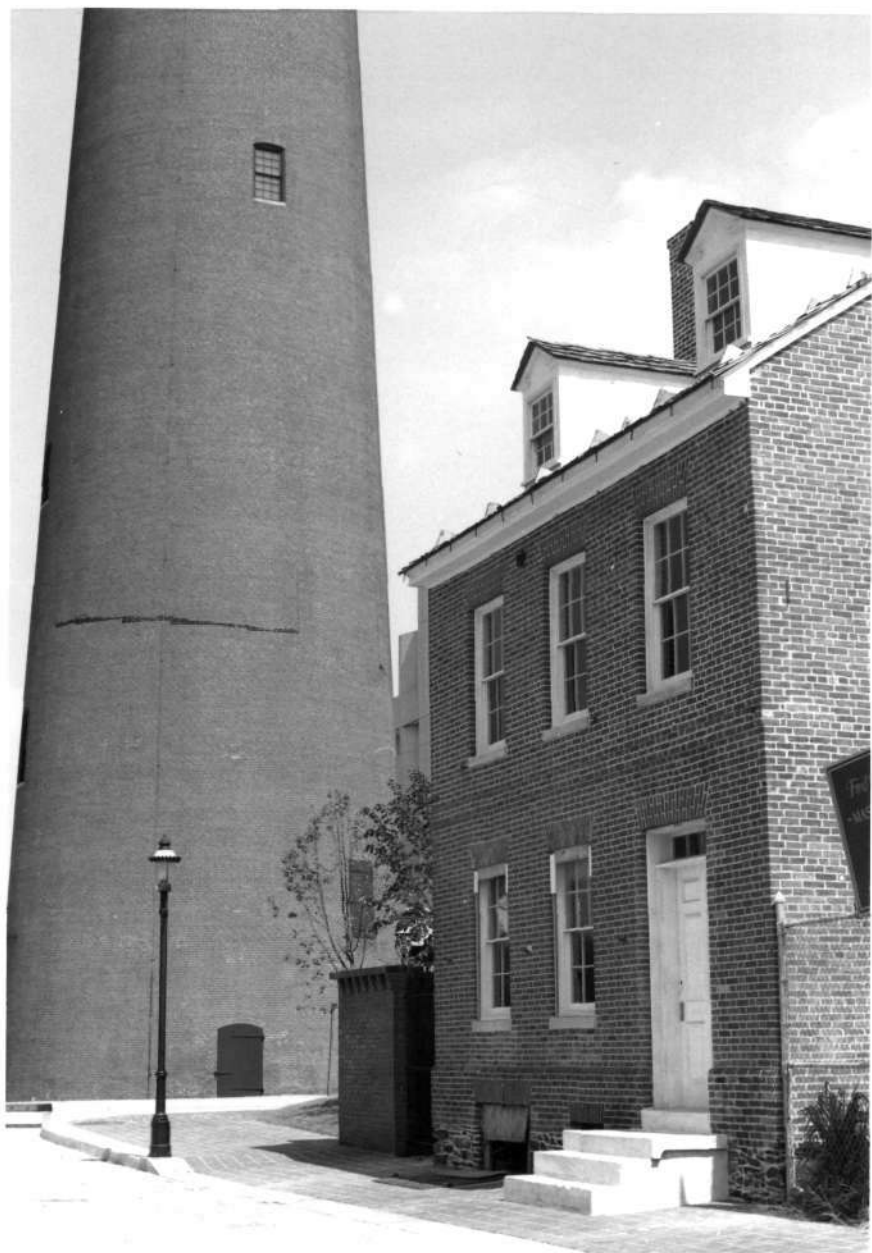
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